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EMPLOYMENT

- 2023 Associate Professor (without tenure)
Rutgers University, Newark, School of Criminal Justice
- 2020 Assistant Professor
University of Colorado, Denver, Department of Sociology
- 2018 Assistant Professor
University of Florida, Department of Sociology, Criminology, and Law

EDUCATION

- 2018 Ph.D., Sociology, City University of New York – Graduate Center
Dissertation: *Uneven Policing*
Committee: Richard Alba (chair), Lynn Chancer, Ruth Wilson Gilmore, Michael Jacobson, Jeremy Porter
- 2007 B.A., Political Science, Bard College

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (*graduate student co-author)

[Google Scholar profile](#)

- 2024 Beck, Brenden. "Do Austerity Cuts Spare Police Budgets? Welfare-to-Carceral Realignment During Fiscal Crises." *Criminology* 62(4).
- Lead article.
- Beck, Brenden. "Local Government Spending: Policing Versus Social Services." *Annual Review of Criminology* 8(1).
- Mikulas, Alex*, **Brenden Beck**, and Max Besbris. "Home Price Change and Ethno-racial Residential Segregation: Temporal Relationships at the Metro Level." *Socius* 10.
- Beck, Brenden, Angela LaScala-Gruenewald*, and Joseph Antonelli. "Neck-restraint Bans, Law Enforcement Officer Unions, and Police Killings." *Criminology and Public Policy* 23(3): 663-688.
- 2023 Simes, Jessica, **Brenden Beck**, and John Eason. "Policing, Punishment, and Place: Spatial-Contextual Analyses of the Criminal Legal System." *Annual Review of Sociology* 49:221-240.
- Beck, Brenden. "Police Killings and Municipal Reliance on Fine-and-Fee Revenue." *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* 9(2): 161–81.
- Press coverage in *Reuters*.

- Antonelli, Joseph and **Brenden Beck**. "Heterogeneous Causal Effects of Neighborhood Policing in New York City with Staggered Adoption of the Policy." *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Statistics in Society, Series A*.
- Beck, Brenden, Eaven Holder*, Abigail Novak*, and Jacob Kaplan. "The Material of Policing: Budgets, Personnel, and the United States' Misdemeanor Arrest Decline." *The British Journal of Criminology* 63(2): 330-347.
- Press coverage in *Slate*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, and *Wisconsin Public Radio*.
- 2022 Beck, Brenden and Eaven Holder*. "Proximity and Policing: Spatial Dynamics of the Misdemeanor Arrest Decline." *Socius* 8: 1-12.
- Beck, Brenden, Joseph Antonelli, and Gabriela Piñeros*. "Effects of New York City's Neighborhood Policing Policy." *Police Quarterly* 25(4): 470-496.
- Press coverage in *TheCity.nyc* and *The New York Daily News*.
- 2021 Zapatka, Kasey* and **Brenden Beck**. "Does Demand Lead Supply? Gentrifiers and Developers in the Sequence of Gentrification." *Urban Studies* 58(11): 2348-2368.
- 2020 Beck, Brenden. "Policing Gentrification: Stops and Low-Level Arrests during Demographic Change and Real Estate Reinvestment." *City & Community* 19(1): 245-272.
- Top 5 most downloaded articles from the journal in 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.
 - Press coverage in *Vox*, *The Daily Beast*, *Citations Needed*, *Salon*, *The Appeal*, and *Housing Matters*.
- 2019 Beck, Brenden. "Broken Windows in the Cul-de-Sac: Race/Ethnicity and Quality-of-Life Policing in the Changing Suburbs." *Crime & Delinquency* 65(2):270-292.
- Winner, American Society of Criminology, Division of Critical Criminology, Graduate Student Paper Award.
- 2018 Beck, Brenden and Adam Goldstein. "Governing Through Police? Housing Market Reliance, Welfare Retrenchment, and Police Budgeting in an Era of Declining Crime." *Social Forces* 96(3):1183-1210.
- Winner, American Society of Criminology, Petersilia Outstanding Article Award.
- Alba, Richard, **Brenden Beck**, and Duygu Basaran Sahin. "The Rise of Mixed Parentage: A Sociological and Demographic Phenomenon to be Reckoned with." *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 677(1): 26-38.
- Alba, Richard, **Brenden Beck**, and Duygu Basaran Sahin. "The American Mainstream Expands—Again." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 44(1): 99-117.
- 2016 Beck, Brenden, Anthony Buttaro Jr., and Mary Clare Lennon. "Home Moves and Child Well-being in the First Five Years of Life in the United States." *Journal of Longitudinal and Life Course Studies* 7(3): 240-264.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS (*graduate student)

- Kendall, Emmett*, **Brenden Beck**, and Joseph Antonelli. "Robust Inference for Geographic Regression Discontinuity Designs: Assessing the Impact of Police Precincts."

Beck, Brenden, Adam Goldstein, Angela LaScala-Gruenewald*, Florian Hollenbach, and David Szakonyi. "Cornering the Rental Market: The Effect of Institutional Landlords on Rents."

Huang, Zhuochao*, **Brenden Beck**, and Joseph Antonelli. "Causal inference and racial bias in policing: New estimands and the importance of mobility data."

GRANTS

2025-27 "The Effects of Police and Social Service Spending on Crime," Co-Principal Investigator with Joseph Antonelli. Arnold Ventures, \$231,190.

2025 Classroom Enrichment Grant. Rutgers-Newark Center for Politics and Race in America, \$2,150.

2021 "Gathering and Validating Data on Racial Inequities in Police Killings," Principal Investigator. CU Denver, Office of Research Services, \$23,000.

2020 "Analyzing Changes in U.S. Policing," Principal Investigator. William C. Mullen Fund, Bard College, \$500.

FELLOWSHIPS

2017 Dissertation Fellowship. Center for Place Culture and Politics, CUNY Graduate Center, \$11,000.

2016 Writing Across the Curriculum Fellowship. CUNY Law School, \$19,000.

2012-2015 Enhanced Chancellor's Fellowship. CUNY Graduate Center, \$19,000 per year for four years.

BOOK REVIEWS

2025 Beck, Brenden. "Before Gentrification: The Creation of DC's Racial Wealth Gap, by Tanya Maria Golash-Boza." *American Journal of Sociology* 130(5).

2017 Beck, Brenden. "Policed in the Suburbs: Review of Race, Place, and Suburban Policing, by Andrea S. Boyle." *Sociological Forum* 32(1): 240-242.

2015 Beck, Brenden. "Immigrants and Crime in the New Destinations, by Vincent A. Ferraro." *Contemporary Sociology* 42(2): 288-289, 292.

INVITED TALKS

"Do Austerity Cuts Spare Police Budgets?" New York University School of Law, Goldstock-Jacobs Faculty Seminar. September 26, 2024.

"Austerity Governance." University of Texas Austin Population Research Center. November 10, 2023.

"Fiscal Crises and the Budgetary Shift from Social Services to Law Enforcement." University of Texas Austin Crime, Law, and Deviance Workshop. November 15, 2022.

"Welfare-to-Carceral Realignment during Fiscal Crises." Law & Society Association's Punishment Collaborative Research Network Digital Speaker Series. November 9, 2022.

"The Economic Determinants of Policing." Boston University Department of Sociology. February 21, 2020.

"Does Demand Lead Supply? Gentrifiers and Developers in the Sequence of Gentrification." Boston University Urban Inequality Workshop. February 21, 2020.

"Broken Windows in the Cul-de-Sac" New York University's Crime, Law, and Deviance Workshop. September 16, 2016.

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Local Spending: Police Versus Social Services" American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. November 2024.

"Do Austerity Cuts Spare Police Budgets?" American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. November 2023.

"Gentrification and Policing." Gentrification and Displacement: An International Dialogue. Boston University. October 2023. Panel chair and presider.

"Police Killings and Municipal Reliance on Fine-and-Fee Revenue." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA. August 2022. Thematic Session "Geographies of Legal Displacement" co-organized with Jessica Simes.

"Police Killings and the Reallocation of Municipal Expenditures from Police to Social Services." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. November 2021.

"How Many Michael Browns in How Many Fergusons? Police Killings and Municipal Budgeting in Unequal Suburbs." Russell Sage Foundation Conference, Suburban Inequality in the United States, New York City, NY. November 4-5, 2021.

"Incarcerating Recession? Budgets, Crime, and Jail Admissions during Economic Decline." Vera Institute of Justice Symposium, In Our Backyards. Scheduled for April 2020, cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic.

"Gentrifiers and Developers in the Sequence of Gentrification," Quantitative Approaches to Studying Gentrification in the United States, University of Cincinnati. October 2019.

Introductory Remarks, "Coded for Crime: Challenges and Opportunities in AI-Directed Criminal Justice." University of Florida conference. March 1, 2019.

"The Chicken or the Egg? Temporality in the Analysis of Gentrification," American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. March 2019.

"The Decline of Broken Windows Policing," American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. November 2018.

"Policing Housing Markets: Real Estate Speculation, Demographic Change, and Broken-Windows Arrests in Gentrifying New York," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. August 2018.

"Gentrification and Proactive Policing in New York City, 2006-2012," American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. November 2017.

"Gentrification and Proactive Policing in New York City, 2006-2012," American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. November 2017.

“Is Misdemeanor-Focused Policing Following Poor People to the Suburbs?” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. August 2016.

“In a Time of Falling Crime Rates and Rising Home Prices: Housing Market Reliance as a Predictor of Penalty,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. August 2014.

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

“Police Killings and Municipal Reliance on Fine-and-Fee Revenue.” Fine and Fee Justice Center. April 28, 2023.

“Racial Equity in Denver’s Police Stops.” Denver Streets Partnership. December 18, 2020.

“Denver’s Police Data in Context.” Denver Task Force to Reimagine Policing. October 15, 2020.

“Policing and Crime Trends in Denver, 1990-2020.” Reclaim the Block Community Organization, at the invitation of Denver City Councilwoman CdeBaca. August 18, 2020.

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate

Race, Crime, and Justice (PhD & MA): Rutgers, spring 2025

Research Methods (MA): Rutgers, spring 2024; CU Denver, fall 2021, fall 2022

Data Analysis and Management (MA): Rutgers, fall 2023, fall 2024

Crime, Justice, and the City (MA): CU Denver, fall 2020, spring 2022

Urban Sociology (PhD): University of Florida, fall 2019

Undergraduate

Criminology: Rutgers, fall 2024, spring 2025; CU Denver, spring 2021, fall 2021, spring 2022, spring 2023

Urban Sociology: CU Denver, spring 2021, spring 2023; University of Florida, spring 2019, fall 2019

Race & Policing: University of Florida, fall 2018, spring 2019, fall 2019

GRADUATE ADVISING

University of Colorado Denver

Kiana Smith, MA Student thesis chair, 2021-2022, graduated

Jay Pecenka, MA Student thesis chair, 2021-2023, graduated

Abbigail Grzyb, MA Student thesis chair, 2021-2023, graduated

Angelina Vongsaraphanh, MA Student thesis co-chair, 2022-2023, graduated

UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Member, Undergraduate Committee, School of Criminal Justice, Rutgers Newark, 2023-present

Member, University Curriculum Committee, CU Denver, 2021-2023.

Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, CU Denver, 2020-2023.

Member, Hiring Committee for Associate Dean for Student Success, CLAS, CU Denver, 2022.

Member, Executive Committee, Dept. of Sociology, University of Colorado Denver, 2021-2023.

Member, Graduate Student Committee, Department of Sociology, Criminology, & Law, University of Florida, 2019-2020.

Member, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Florida, 2019.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Board Member: *Social Forces*, 2023-

Reviewer: *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Criminology*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Urban Studies*, *Justice Quarterly*, *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, *Policy Studies Journal*, *Punishment & Society*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *Crime & Delinquency*, *Journal of Urban Affairs*, *Urban Affairs Review*, *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, *City & Community*, *Police Quarterly*, *Policing*, *PLOS One*, *Sociological Forum*, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, *Law & Social Inquiry*, *Race & Justice*, *Police Practice and Research*, *Longitudinal and Life-Course Studies*, and *Routledge Textbooks*

Member: American Sociological Association (ASA), Community and Urban Sociology Section Mentorship Committee, 2022-

Award Committee Panelist:

ASA, Crime, Law, and Deviance section, Distinguished Scholar Award committee, 2025

ASA, Community and Urban Sociological Section, Graduate Student Paper Award committee, 2024

ASA, Crime, Law, and Deviance section, Graduate Student Paper Award committee, 2020

American Society of Criminology, Division on Critical Criminology, Graduate Student Paper Award committee, 2018

Reviewer: ASA Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2021, 2025

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Sociological Association, member 2012 – present

American Society of Criminology, member 2013 – present

AWARDS

2023 Visiting Scholar. Population Research Center, University of Texas Austin.

2020 Joan Petersilia Article Award for “Governing Through Police.” American Society of Criminology.

2017 Graduate Student Paper Award for “Broken Windows in the Cul-de-Sac.” American Society of Criminology Division of Critical Criminology.

INTERVIEWED IN

the Toronto Star, *Science News*, *KTVU Fox 2 Oakland*, *KMGH ABC 7 Denver*, *Colorado Sun*, *City Cast Denver*, *the Denver Gazette*, *the Coast News*, *the Dig*, *KUNC 91.5 FM Greely*, *CBS Radio 880 AM New York*, and *The Brother Jeff Show*.

PUBLIC WRITING IN

Slate, New York Daily News, the Appeal, Westword, Gainesville Sun, Gotham Gazette, Philadelphia Weekly, the Philadelphia Notebook, the New York Times Local Blog, City Limits, AM New York, and Newsday.